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Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

ASUM Biker Ambassadors Frank Wetzil, left, and Franny Opatz remind bikers and pedestrians to use extra caution while crossing the Maurice and Fifth Avenue intersection on campus Wednesday afternoon. The intersection is considered one of the most dangerous intersections in Missoula. Wetzil and Opatz do this every day at various intersections. "We compile data concerning these incidents by talking to the public and submit the data to the University in hopes of preventing major and minor accidents," Wetzil said.

UM student film wins BEA award

Amy Faxon
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Department of Radio-Television's 2007 student-produced television documentary was named the best long-form student documentary in the country by the Broadcast Education Association.

"Beyond the Myths: Growing Up in Montana" profiles six teenagers across Montana. The youths profiled included: a 17-year-old mom who played basketball and went to school, a teenager in Jefferson City involved in rodeos, and a Missoula girl who dropped out of high school because she didn't feel like she fit in.

Students in UM's documentary class broke up into teams, followed one of the six students for a few day, and finalized the footage in 15 weeks. Assistant professor Denise Dowling and adjunct professor Gita Saedi oversaw the class.

"It's a mini-miracle that we can produce an one-hour documentary in 15 weeks," Dowling said.

The students had to do a lot of traveling and juggle work and school with time spent on the project, she said.

Director Travis Morss said the documentary was basically all he devoted himself to that semester. Missing class for two or three major shoots wasn't a problem because they were mostly radio-television ones, Morss said.

"It's a really short time to put that together," Morss said. "Most people take at least a year or more to produce a documentary."

They went into the project knowing they didn't want to profile popular students but instead follow more typical teenagers.

They ended up with six unique and individual stories, Dowling said.

"As a whole it was a very interesting and creative work," she said.

Morss said it was good to gain hands-on experience and he learned a lot from it.

The documentary premiered at the University Center Theater the last day of finals in spring 2007 and on Montana PBS the following week. It still airs from time to time.

The School of Journalism's Department of Radio-Television has an agreement with Montana PBS where the station airs UM student productions and premieres the documentary produced by the class each May.

"They've been really terrific supporters of our program," Dowling said.

The award for the best in the

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Young actors essential to 'Sex Signals'

Trevon Milliard
MONTANA KAIMIN

Kyle Terry, standing at the bar, wants to talk to Amber Kelly but can't work up the nerve to walk over. He stands in one spot staring at her, and his friends at the bar yell, "He who hesitates masturbates."

Dating. For some it's as cool as an easy summer breeze. For others it just blows, says actor Terry while talking to a student audience at the UC Theater yesterday.

Terry and Kelly are the sole actors in Sex Signals, a show that teaches sexual assault awareness. But they don't just lecture. The two actors began the show with comedic skits and sexual innuendos. They casually conversed with one other about the college-dating scene before acting out a typical bar scene pickup.

Terry finally walks over to Kelly but doesn't stop when he reaches her.

"I don't know what to say," Terry says and asks the audience, "Does anybody have a good pickup line?"

A male student yells out, "Hello."

The skit continues with the two awkwardly talking, and, before



Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

Actress Amber Kelly plays hard to get opposite co-star Kyle Terry at "Sex Signals" Wednesday night at the UC Theater. The pair performs nationwide, spreading awareness about date rape through skits and frank talks with the audience about sex, examining the boundary between rape and consensual sex. "It's a good opportunity to change people's perspectives," Kelly said.

long, the conversation becomes sexual. Kelly, acting ditzy, says she's excited for Easter and blurts out, "Bunnies have eggs."

"Do you have eggs?" Terry asks.

Kelly and Terry continue the improvisations and act out a house party scene where an assertive guy keeps hitting on a non-interested girl.

Later, Kelly criticizes the crude words people use for sex, like hammer, screw, nail and pound. She then asks, "What, are we at

Home Depot?"

"You can do it. We can help," Terry says, quoting Home Depot's slogan.

The crowd laughed, but minutes later the skits turned serious. The two actors began a talk show skit where Terry had been charged with rape and Kelly was the show's host. Terry told his story of the rape, thinking there was nothing wrong since the girl never screamed or refused. She kissed him first, took off his shirt and just whispered "no" a few times during

EDITORIAL

Women criticizing women helps no one

Prim and proper, trashy, athletic, professional – all are ways to describe women's fashion. But when women get caught up in judging and criticizing one another over clothing, nothing is accomplished.

Be it locals making assumptions about women who wear short shorts and low-necked T-shirts or a feminist writer from New York making remarks about girls who dress up to attend Purity Balls with their fathers; the jabs don't stop.

Earlier this month, feminist Jessica Valenti spoke at a Roe v. Wade celebration held in the University Center. During her speech, Valenti recounted being upset over comments made about a close-fitting v-neck sweater she wore in a picture with fellow bloggers and former president Bill Clinton in 2006.

On her blog, Valenti said despite her accomplishments, she was criticized that day because she is a young woman and because of the way she posed for the picture.

"What's worse," Valenti said, "is that this comes from other women, other progressives, and other supposed feminists. How are we supposed to move forward as a movement if we're busy bashing each other with this ridiculousness?"

Exactly. Yet the damage of women bashing women runs further than the feminist movement. Feminists bash feminists. Stay-at-home moms bash working women. Working women bash stay-at-home moms. Liberals bash conservatives. Conservatives bash liberals. And conservatives bash conservatives.

In a call for tolerance, little is being demonstrated.

Apparently it is OK to be a cheerleader or a dancer and wear short shorts and tight shirts in order to move about freely and to be noticed. But I can't wear short shorts and a low cut T-shirt to serve someone in a restaurant without hearing the cry of the objectification of women?

With the anticipation of Hooters opening in Missoula, local criticism has focused on a call to boycott a business that some say only values its female employees for their sex appeal.

Certainly the degradation of women is a serious issue and must be fought.

However, women are tearing one another down in the fight.

Are the women (who choose to wear the uniform) truly being taken advantage of if they don't object to wearing short orange shorts and low-cut T-shirts and don't consider themselves exploited? Are they being discredited for their choice of work?

Is it fair to imply that women who choose to work at a beach-themed sports restaurant and are willing to undergo the necessary training cannot find work elsewhere?

Aren't these women being judged as less than strong and incapable of contributing to business, health, education and the arts, simply because of their work attire?

The pendulum doesn't stop swinging.

Granted, Valenti was unjustly judged for the sweater she wore. But weren't Valenti's comments just as unfair to the girls who dress up in gowns to attend abstinence-promoting Purity Balls with their fathers?

Why were the comments about Valenti's sweater rude and sexist, yet it was OK for her to mock girls for dressing up as "little wives"?

Is it not rude and sexualizing for Valenti to suggest that the father-daughter dance is "incestuous and creepy"?

Interestingly, Valenti said young women in our culture are generally treated like objects "to be looked at and judged."

Yes, Valenti. And it's happening right before our eyes.



Karen Plant
News Editor

Mark Page

Candidates need to stop whining

All three major presidential contenders need to stop their damn whining. Hillary Clinton has certainly been crabby lately, getting all fired up over Barack Obama's campaign mailings. But Obama lamenting in Tuesday's debate that he was not "whining" about Clinton's tactics seems a little pissy itself.

Clinton's complaining is reaching a shriek, though, and on Saturday she went on a tirade saying: "Shame on you Barack Obama – it is time you ran a campaign consistent with your messages and public."

But Obama has been lashing out at the Clinton campaign too. Looks like a little hypocrisy from the man who creates aloofness for himself in his public appearances.

When a photo of Obama appeared on the Drudge Report this week, depicting Obama dressed in traditional African garb, his campaign got all bitchy, saying the picture came from the Clinton campaign and was meant to smear him.

Obama needs to chill; even if Clinton's campaign were attempting a smear, it would just make her look like a bigot. And the photo is just ridiculous looking. Obama has khakis and a polo shirt on underneath the garb for Pete's sake.

Really, it's not like ASUM President Dustin Leftridge complained when pictures of him

prancing around the University Center in his underwear appeared in the Kaimin.

Also, many years ago in a far-away galaxy where this campaign began, Obama promised to stay above negative campaigning. If he is to actually keep his promises, like using public funding for his campaign, he needs to quit calling Clinton a whiner, regardless of her stomping and yelling.

If he can't keep any promises for the duration of a campaign, who's to say he would if he were elected.

But it's still hard to knock a guy with such a convincing jingle: Viva Obama! The campaign video seems to be directed at nineteenth century Mexico, but it's so strangely transfixing it may work to hypnotize the Hispanic population of Texas.

John McCain shouldn't get a free ride either though, not after getting all defensive about the recent New York Times article alleging he had an inappropriate relationship with a lobbyist. The man was a fighter pilot, damn it! In Nam!

Instead of simply presenting evidence refuting the Times article, McCain launched a tirade against the paper, saying he was going to war with them for their bias. Funny, since the Times has endorsed McCain.

That does not mean the Times was right to publish the article

based solely on the testimonies of two unnamed former McCain aides, despite being pressured by the New Republic, which was going to run an article calling the Times yellow.

A newspaper shouldn't publish an incomplete story due to pressure from another news organization.

As for the next week, things should be settled down after Tuesday, so Obama and McCain can start slamming each other and Clinton can go back to her huge mansion in Chappaqua, N.Y., and cry for a little while.

In no way can Clinton conquer the Obama juggernaut at this point. Tuesday's debate was her last chance, and, although both candidates did not look great, Clinton needed to give Obama a huge blow, and she didn't.

Texas and Ohio are go to the polls on Tuesday, along with Rhode Island and Vermont, and without a knock-out blow in one of the debates, it looks like Obama may claim Texas. Clinton's campaign has admitted that for her to remain a viable candidate she needs to take both Ohio and Texas and needs to take them by a wide enough margin to tear down Obama's delegate lead.

If Obama is going to be the democratic nominee, he will have to play fair and keep promises. With Clinton, all he got was a bit of clawing at his face. But McCain and the Republicans will break his teeth. That crotchety old man can probably kick ass.

A response to hate and ignorance

I would like to begin this letter by criticizing the Kaimin for its inability to publish letters to the editor from a variety of sources. Unless the bigoted Daniel Shevlin is the only Missoulian writing in with his opinion, it would be nice to not read back-to-back rants from an angry xenophobe. At the very least I hope the Kaimin would require this misinformed individual to cite his "objective" statistics. (And I don't think we should count Sean Hannity or Michael Savage.)

In regards to the content of Daniel Shevlin's letters, I think it is necessary to first address his glaring hypocrisy. In his first letter published Feb. 20, he expresses outrage at Maha Nassar's claim of an anti-Muslim sentiment in Missoula. While I myself was surprised to hear that Muslims suffer serious prejudice in our city, the opinion from Mr. Shevlin, which appeared the very next day, highlighted

Letter to the Editor

this reality. In his second letter, Daniel states that the horrendous use of mentally challenged women in a suicide bombing reflects the "true nature of Islam." This gross generalization asserts that random acts of violence are inherent in a faith that even our own president has referred to as "a religion of peace." To label every Muslim as a radical militant is comparable to calling every Catholic a pedophile or every Evangelical an abortion clinic bomber.

There is no single answer to why violence persists in the Mid-East, Iraq or elsewhere, and blaming it solely on the religion of Islam is an extremely ignorant and dangerous prejudice. While I don't claim to

be an authority on the subject, it seems that the turmoil in the region could far more easily be attributed to its colonial past, the creation of false nations with disregard to ethnicity or geography, countless coups and dictators backed by Western funds and force, and the creation of a monopoly over oil, the regions most valuable natural resource (not to mention a little nation called Israel).

Mr. Shevlin accuses liberals of being too passive when it comes to terrorism but offers no alternative except the status quo. Given that the previously mentioned causes of violence seem to stem from our "hands on" approach in the Middle East, I believe that any step in the opposite direction to be a good one. If there is anything to be learned from our current involvement in Iraq, it's that violence only breeds more violence, and that killing one "terrorist" will most likely radicalize three more.

– Joe Schmechel
sophomore, geology

Pissed? Pleased? Perturbed?

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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages.

College Democrats president responds to Shevlin's questions

Every day I walk into the Liberal Arts building, grab the day's issue of the Kaimin, and open right to the opinion section to see what kind of crazy things people have to say. I was intrigued to find an LTE in Thursday's issue titled "Liberals too passive when it comes to terrorism." As president of the College Democrats, I feel it is my responsibility to answer Mr. Shevlin's ignorant rant with an intelligent response.

First, I must point out how dangerous ignorance like Mr. Shevlin's is. He confuses and interchanges the words liberal and terrorist as if they were one in the same. I suppose I can understand how scary an opposing view can be to such close-minded individuals, so maybe Mr. Shevlin actually views us progressives as terrorists. But I don't recall a single "liberal" calling our own people "evil American Imperialist Military invaders," but I have continually heard through Al-Jazeera a number of al-Qaida leaders referring to our



troops as such. I won't speculate how someone so interested in facts could screw that one up.

But more important than any of that is that Mr. Shevlin makes some of the progressive arguments for pulling out of Iraq for us. He points out that the majority of the violence in Iraq is targeted at each other, for the most part, and continues to demonstrate this fact by observing that the violence in the region comes as a result of centuries of religious and cultural differences. All of which is true, but it begs the question of why are we there then? Why must the United States commit our young men and women to combat in a region that is unstable and made more unstable by our presence? If a U.S. presence in Iraq is SO beneficial, why hasn't the violence ceased? Or at least been minimized? Instead,

our very presence has excited more violence and creates an atmosphere conducive to breeding more terrorists. Not to mention the fact that our presence in the Middle East is what brought al-Qaida into existence in the first place.

All of that aside, allow me to answer the questions posed to us "liberals" by Mr. Shevlin. First, the question of "why would [the terrorists] continue to target fellow innocent Iraqi Muslims?" The answer to this is quite simple actually; it now has little to do with our presence in Iraq and has become a war between the Islamic religious factions in Iraq. So really, we may have caused the destabilization, but whom the violence is directed at has now become a separate issue.

The next question posed was "when do you suppose...N.O.W. (National Organization for Women) is going to say one word against" the women of the "Islamic World?" Well, I suppose you could say that Mr. Shevlin is correct, they haven't just said ONE word, they have said countless on the oppression and abuse of women in

the Islamic world. I'd encourage you to visit their website at www.now.org where they outline their international efforts to end the oppression of women in the Middle East and around the rest of the world.

And Mr. Shevlin's final question was basically where are the Democratic Presidential candidates on these issues and why haven't they come out in strong opposition to the inhumane treatment of women in the Islamic World? Actually both have talked at length about this very important issue, and you don't have to look far to discover that much. Senator Clinton prides herself on her

the misrepresentation of facts can be for anyone on either side of this very important issue. Mr. Shevlin's points just simply have no validity or merit, and are based solely on the fear mongering of the radical right wing of the political spectrum. I'd encourage everyone to have an open mind when discussing the issues during this historic election cycle; you might actually learn something new, as I hope Daniel Shevlin will (but I won't hold my breath).

Scott Martin
President, College Democrats
UM Chapter

Correction:

An article in Wednesday's edition of the Montana Kaimin incorrectly misspelled the name of contemporary violinist Eileen Ivers. The article also stated Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul will perform on April 8. The actual concert is April 6 at the University Center at 7:30 p.m.



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 - 9 Stop, look and look?
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Eye to the sky



Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

Freshman Matt Safko runs for first base while keeping his eye on the whiffleball he just popped high above the yard between Duniway and Craig halls. Safko and a group of friends were facing off in a "Homerun Derby" Wednesday afternoon.

Thieves tunnel into Milan jewelry showroom

Colleen Barry
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN, Italy – Masked thieves drilled a tunnel and broke into a jewelry showroom as employees were preparing for a VIP showing, making off with gold, diamonds and rubies in a brazen daylight heist, the jeweler said.

The bags of jewels stolen Sunday from Damiani – maker of the diamond bracelet that graced Oscar winner Tilda Swinton’s wrist – included gold, platinum,

diamonds and rubies, though apparently no pearls.

The losses are being inventoried and Damiani is not issuing estimates, but the jeweler’s chief executive dismissed a \$7.52 million figure cited by the Italian media.

The safe normally would have had even more valuable, one-of-a-kind pieces – but a “significant number” were on loan to stars attending the Oscars Sunday, including Swinton, or in Tokyo for

the opening of a new boutique, CEO Guido Damiani said Wednesday.

“Luckily, many of these pieces were not in the safe,” he said in a telephone interview.

Lead investigator Francesco Messina said the heist was highly professional and that the robbers left few traces. “It will be a long investigation,” he said.

The four thieves did not brandish arms, but wore vests identifying themselves as Italy’s powerful financial police Messina said.

The family-run business established 85 years ago by Damiani’s grandfather calls itself the jeweler of the stars, with Hollywood stars Isabella Rosellini, Brad Pitt, Gwyenth Paltrow and Sharon Stone among its celebrity promoters.

For the last several years, Damiani has been bejeweling stars for Oscar night, including Sunday.

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Center, said that’s very often the case. Their group offers counseling to students who have been raped, assaulted or stalked.

SARC sees more than 100 students each year, and most come to deal with relationship violence and rape, Scott said. Many who come want to talk to someone and aren’t willing to see police, she said. They don’t want to press charges for one reason or another, she said.

“Most come in early on Monday,” Scott said. “It tends to happen a lot that alcohol is involved. A girl will black out and wake up with her clothes off.”

Scott said Sex Signals has had a lot of success at reaching college students. Last year, 600 UM students came to the show, and, this year, 500 students came, Scott said. The show travels America at the request of colleges that can pay for up to three shows a day. Sex

Signals started in 2000 and has performed more than 1,000 times at 400 schools since then, according to their website.

Kelly said it can be a grueling schedule, and she’s had to drive to different states for shows in the same day.

“We’ve done 50 shows in 30 days once,” she said.

And even though the show’s direction is somewhat dependent on what students say, it stays pretty much the same, Terry said.

“Students usually say the same thing to our questions,” he said.

To act in Sex Signals involves more than just acting skills, Terry said.

“I wasn’t well versed on the issue,” Terry said. “I’m just a theater person.”

He had to go through 40 hours of training at the YMCA rape crisis hotline in order to act in the show, he said.

“I came out the other side seeing the Matrix of consensual sex,” Terry said. “Now, I can dodge bullets.”

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Clinton needs a swing state revival

Mike Glover
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton spent almost three hours Wednesday trying to persuade a college gym full of Ohioans that her detailed plans to revive the failing economy can also resuscitate her dwindling campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

“Obviously, the economy is the No. 1 issue in the country, and it’s unbelievably important here in Ohio,” said Clinton. “I think, absent any intervening circumstances, the economy will be the domestic driver with all the related issues like health care and energy costs and home foreclosures.”

The former first lady said voters in key swing states are beginning to focus on “the big questions,”

such as bedrock economic issues, that she said will drive both the remaining Democratic nomination contests and the fall general election.

“What’s important is we have a lot of people yet to vote,” said Clinton. “We’ve got four states coming up on Tuesday, we’ve got 16 contests after that.”

Trailing her rival Barack Obama in popular vote, committed delegates and fundraising, Clinton emphasized the struggling industrial economy throughout the upper Midwest as she swung through Ohio less than a week before its crucial primary. She is counting on her performance in the March 4 contests in Ohio and Texas to keep her candidacy afloat.

In this southeastern Ohio city that’s been hammered by plant closings, she held a nearly three-

hour round-table on economic issues in the gymnasium of Ohio University-Zanesville and Zane State College. In addition to political heavyweights like Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine and former Sen. John Glenn who all have endorsed her, Clinton also heard tales of economic stress from workers in excruciating detail that reinforced her reputation as a policy wonk.

Robert Landry, of Dayton, told Clinton about how his home was foreclosed on Christmas Eve and the emotional struggle he faced.

“You feel alone and the bottom drops out of your whole life,” said Landry. “The bottom line is you don’t know what to do and you’re lost.”

That underscored a core message of her campaign.

“What are we going to do to improve the lives of hardworking

Americans,” said Clinton. “That is my mission. I see a middle-class comeback. I see it starting in places like Zanesville.”

She heard Florine Mark of Weight Watchers tell stories about obese children struggling with self-image, Ohio Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher talk about state economic development and Christine Pambianchi of Corning Inc. talk about change.

Clinton praised Corning for moving into new product lines like fiber optics. “They used to make glass,” she said. “If they were still about glass they wouldn’t be around.”

Diving into the deep details of a struggling economy was aimed at reinforcing her argument that she’s ready to tackle the big problems facing the nation, compared to Obama whom she labels as inexperienced.

“What I intend to do is draw attention, not only to the problem side but the solution side,” said Clinton. As the campaign moves to the industrial Midwest, voters are responding, she said.

“What I feel is happening is people are starting toward the big questions they should have to answer, who can be the best commander in chief, who do you want in the White House answering the phone at 3 a.m.,” said Clinton. “I feel good about these upcoming states. What keeps me optimistic is the success I’ve had so far and what I think the prospects are for Tuesday.”

She emphasized the value of patience and experience.

“Change does take consistent, concerted effort,” said Clinton. “The people of Ohio are ready. We just need to stay with you.”

Panel recommends flu vaccination for all children

Mike Stobbe
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ATLANTA (AP) — All children — not just those under 5 — should get vaccinated against the flu, a federal advisory panel said Wednesday.

The panel voted to expand annual flu shots to virtually all children except infants younger than 6 months and those with serious egg allergies.

That means about 30 million more children could be getting vaccinated. If heeded, it would be one of the largest expansions in flu vaccination coverage in U.S. history. The flu vaccine has been available since the 1940s.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices said all children should start getting vaccinated as soon as possible, acknowledging that many doctors have already ordered their vaccine for the 2008-2009 season and may not be able to give the shots until 2009-2010. The flu season generally starts in the fall and continues through spring.

The panel’s advice is routinely adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issues vaccination guidelines to doctors and hospitals.

Flu shots were already recommended for those considered to be at highest risk of death or serious illness from the flu, including children ages 6 months

to 5 years, adults 50 and older, and people with weakened immune systems

The panel said that should be expanded to include children up to age 18.

Children ages 5 to 18 get flu at higher rates than other age groups, but they don’t tend to get as sick. Of the 36,000 estimated annual deaths attributed to the flu, only 25 to 50 occur in children in that age bracket, CDC officials said.

But children who stay home sick from school cause parents to stay home, so reducing the illness in this group should cut down days of lost work, some experts said.

Experts believe giving flu shots to more children may also prevent the illness from spreading to adults and the elderly, although studies haven’t clearly established that will happen.

Shots are not the only option. A nasal spray vaccine, FluMist, is approved for healthy people ages 2 to 49.

Panel members waffled a bit on whether to make the recommendations kick in immediately. Some public health professionals pushed them to make the clearest endorsement possible of the flu vaccine, concerned that the public is losing faith in flu shots because this year’s vaccine was not well matched to circulating viruses.

Indeed, a few argued that the

committee should recommend flu shots for every healthy person, rather than adding another set of children now and maybe young adults in a few years.

“Creeping incrementalism, I believe, continues to foster confusion” about who should get

the shot and how important it is, said Dr. Gregory Poland, a Mayo Clinic infectious diseases expert.

The head of the panel, Dr. Dale Morse, asked for a report on universal vaccination of adults.

Meanwhile, vaccine makers said they expect to be able to

produce enough doses next season to accommodate an extra 30 million children, but panel members had concerns about how the doses would be given to so many.

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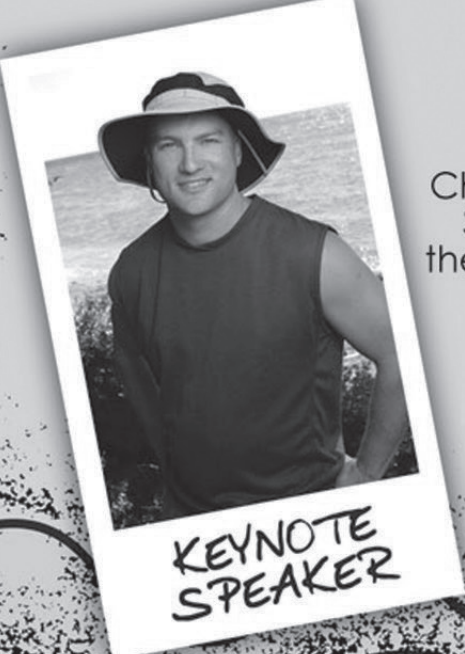
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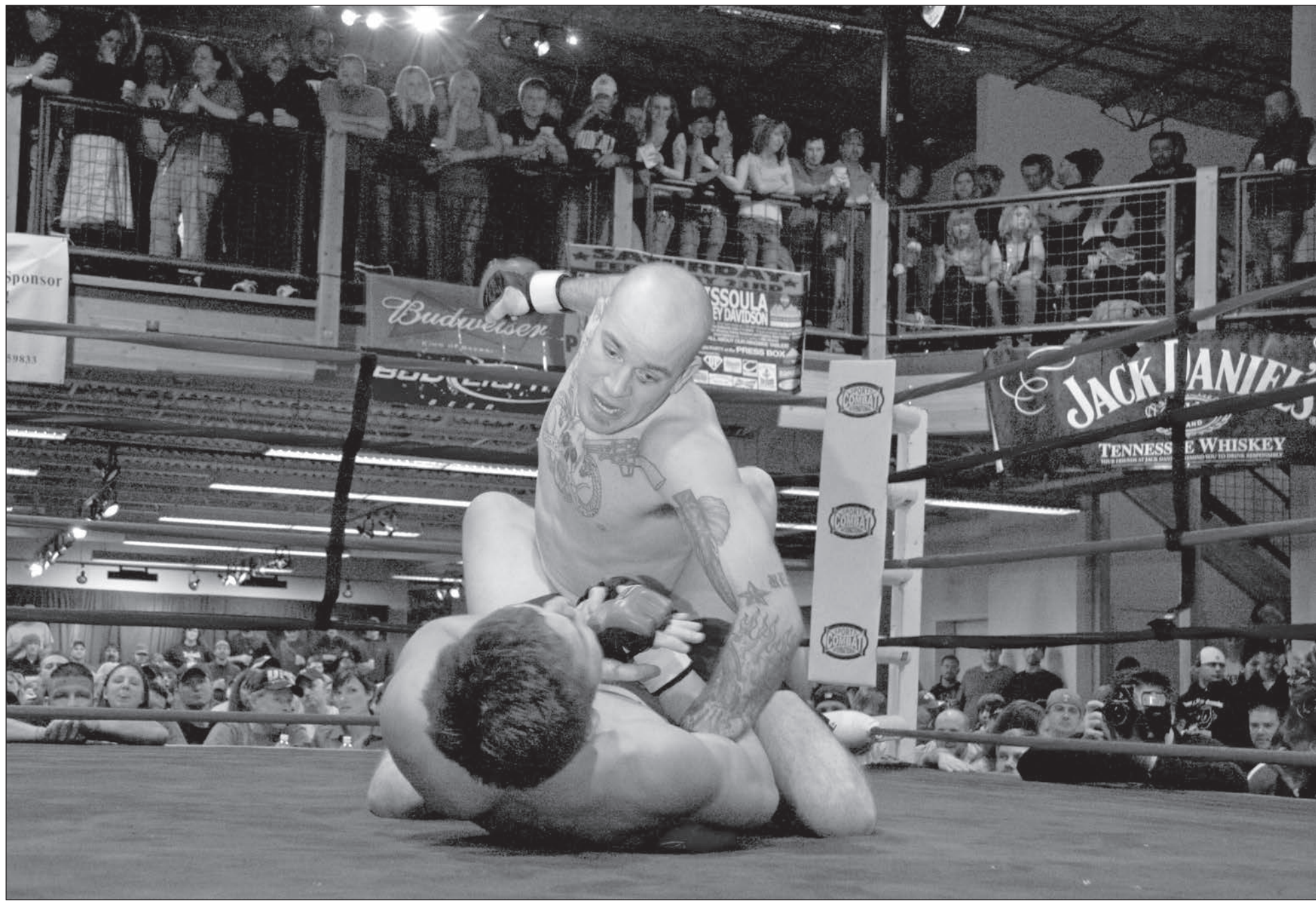
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Missoula Dogpound fighter Taylor Walker, top, lands a blow to Helena's Billy Henderson's face in the main fight during the Missoula Mayhem ultimate fighting competition at the Montana Harley Davidson Shop last Saturday night.

IN THE RING

Missoula's Dogpound hosts fight at Harley Davidson Shop

Photos and Story by Hugh Carey

Ultimate fighting is a sport full of determination, emotion, dedication and guts to even get in the ring in the first place. This spirit showed last Saturday night during Missoula Mayhem at the Montana Harley Davidson Shop. Ultimate

fighters from all over Montana and several from Spokane, Wash., had a showdown in front of 600 people in attendance.

Dogpound, Missoula's fight team, sponsored the event. Despite hailing from different backgrounds, they are all sport fighters.

"For the most part, we're good

guys, intelligent guys with college educations, responsible and caring people," said main event fighter Taylor Walker. "It's really the coolest group of guys I've ever met."

Despite the bruises, blood, sweat and violence in the ring, the ultimate fighters consider the sport a way to keep themselves in good shape and

out of trouble.

"It's a way for me to conquer fear and be better for myself, the same way people jump out of airplanes or go bungee jumping," Walker said. "It makes me feel alive. It gives me something to focus on rather than going to McDonalds and/or getting a 12-pack of beer everyday."



About 600 people attended and tickets were sold out by the first fight. The tickets were as high as \$800 for VIP balcony seating tables.



The crowd, young and old, cheer during one of the fights. There were ten fights total on Saturday night, and six out of nine fighters from Missoula's Dogpound team won their fights.



UM senior and ultimate fighter Jesper Salemion prepares mentally backstage minutes before his fight.

“It’s a way for me to conquer fear and be better for myself, the same way people jump out of airplanes or go bungee jumping...”

– Taylor Walker, ultimate fighter



ABOVE: UM senior Jesper Salemion gives Ricky Henderson a good punch during the second of ten bouts of the night. Salemion defeated Henderson by a TKO (technical knockout) in the first round.



LEFT: Mike Ferry, of Helena, celebrates after defeating Josh Clark, of Kalispell, in the lightweight division. Fighters came to Missoula from all over Montana and Spokane to participate in the competition.



LEFT: Jennifer Birks and other cocktail waitresses served drinks during the event.



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Students Challenge For East Side Seats in Dahlberg Arena Falling Short

Last fall, I issued a challenge to the students at The University of Montana that would allow them the opportunity to return to the east side seats in Dahlberg Arena for Grizzly men's basketball games for the first time in a decade. It was a challenge to re-energize the student section like the days of "The Zoo" from the early 1970s through 1999. Our goal was to average at least 700 students per home contests, and create a lively environment that would return Dahlberg Arena to the intimidating home-court arena it had been for the Grizzlies prior to the Adams Center renovation.

I envisioned a scene similar to that at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium or the Kennel at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Instead, the numbers have been rather sporadic. Good student attendance was noted at the Colorado State game (1,140) when we experimented with re-locating the students to the east side seats on Nov. 9 and again for rival Montana State (1,131) when they remained in their current end zone sections on Feb. 9. (Incidentally, both were impressive victories by the home team). Aside from that, the most noticeable crowds were for Cal-State Fullerton (587 on Nov. 30) and the University of Portland (516 on Dec. 7). Since the Intersession break, the largest student attendance aside from MSU was for Eastern Washington on Thursday, Jan. 24 when 492 students went through the turnstiles. In our most recent games, we had 225 students for Sacramento State and 357 for Northern Arizona.

For the 13 home games thus far, we are averaging 432 students per game – or about 25 more per game than last year. For the 10 games outside of the Intersession period, the average is still only 517. That being said, it will take an impressive showing this week for Thursday's game against Northern Colorado, and again Saturday night for league champion Portland State, for UM Athletics to take a serious look at moving our dedicated boosters away from the east side.

Let me be clear: I'd like nothing more than to re-visit the return of the students to those seats next year, but if they don't show up now, it doesn't make much financial sense. It wouldn't be a battle I'm willing to wage – nor a very smart one. Remember, I'm also being tugged in another direction by loyal boosters who pay significant dollars to sit in those seats, who like the east side and its proximity to the playing floor. It isn't an easy decision, unless, of course, the students chose not to attend the games.

There are two home games remaining. I challenge you to attend in big numbers, and make our decision tougher. Come out and support your peers, and create an atmosphere that is the envy of the Big Sky Conference. The players will appreciate it, the fans will enjoy it and we'll all be winners. For those students who have loyally supported the team this year, I thank you – and acknowledge the effort you've made to get this challenge off the ground. Let's hope more follow your lead this week.

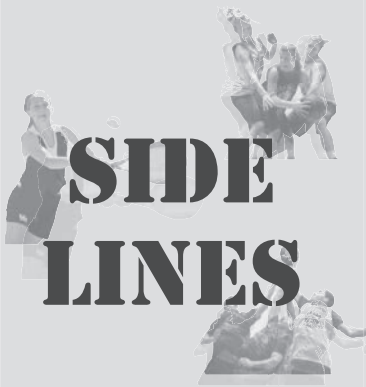
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SPORTS BRIEF

Golf – The UM golf team opens its spring schedule this weekend at the Northern Arizona Invitational. The Griz were picked to finish seventh in the Big Sky Conference coaches’ poll. Eastern Washington was chosen to capture the crown. The Eagles finished second in 2003 and 2004, but have never won a Big Sky Championship. NAU was selected to finish in second, Northern Colorado in third, Sac State in fourth, Portland State and Weber State in fifth and sixth. MSU, under the direction of new head coach and former LPGA golfer Leslie Spalding, was chosen to finish eighth, followed by Idaho State in ninth place.

STANDINGS

WOMEN’S TENNIS

School	Big Sky	All
Sacramento State	1-0	7-1
Montana State	1-0	4-2
Eastern Washington	1-0	3-5
Montana	1-0	1-5
Northern Arizona	2-1	8-6
Weber State	1-1	3-5
Portland State	1-2	3-5
Northern Colorado	0-3	2-6
Idaho State	0-1	0-2

MEN’S TENNIS

School	Big Sky	All
Eastern Washington	1-0	6-2
Montana	1-0	1-1
Weber State	2-0	4-5
Montana State	1-1	4-4
Idaho State	1-1	1-5
Sacramento State	0-0	4-2
Northern Colorado	0-0	1-1
Portland State	0-4	1-7
Northern Arizona	0-0	1-8

MEN’S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
#Portland State	11-2	18-9
*Northern Arizona	9-5	18-10
*Weber State	9-5	14-12
Montana State	7-7	15-12
Montana	7-7	13-14
Idaho State	7-7	10-17
Eastern Washington	6-9	11-18
Northern Colorado	5-9	12-15
Sacramento State	2-12	4-21

WOMEN’S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
#Montana	11-2	21-5
*Portland State	9-4	19-7
*Idaho State	9-4	17-8
Montana State	8-5	13-12
Northern Colorado	6-6	12-13
Weber State	5-8	11-14
Northern Arizona	5-8	9-17
Sacramento State	4-9	6-19
Eastern Washington	1-12	4-22

#Clinched share of regular season title.
*Clinched spot in postseason tournament.

TODAY IN

SPORTS HISTORY

In 1960, the U.S. won the Olympic gold medal, defeating Czechoslovakia 9-4.

Griz vie for spot in conference tournament

Jake Grilley
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana men’s basketball team remains on the outside looking in when it comes to the Big Sky Conference tournament. However, all of that could change tonight.

Montana hosts Northern Colorado tonight in Dahlberg Arena. A win over the 12-15 the Bears would give the Griz—who currently sit at 7-7 in a tie for fourth place with Montana State and Idaho State—a spot in the conference tournament.

Head coach Wayne Tinkle said tonight’s matchup could very well make or break the season.

“That is the game as far as I am concerned,” Tinkle said. “If we can win that game, we will solidify the fact that we will get to the tournament. That is our sole focus right now.”

Northern Colorado hopes to keep its own conference tournament dreams alive.

The Bears kept their season going with a 79-66 win against Eastern Washington on Saturday.

Tinkle said Montana can’t afford to overlook such a hungry team.

“Northern Colorado is playing very well, they’ve got a lot of weapons and we need to make sure we aren’t looking past them,” Tinkle said.

Earlier this season Montana beat UNC 71-60 in Greeley, Colo.

Tinkle said the Griz shouldn’t focus on that past success.

“They probably feel that they didn’t play their best against us,” he said. “They know if they can win both games on this trip they have a chance of making the tournament. They are going to come in here with their hair on fire, ready to get after us, and our guys need to take that challenge on.”

Senior guard Matt Martin said he knows Northern Colorado will show up ready to play tonight.

“They are a really good team,” he said. “We played them tough down there, we shot the ball really well there, came out and hit some shots. We know that they are going to come up here ready to go, and it’s going to be a tough test for us.”

Martin said it is important Montana plays its best basketball right now.

“We are taking it like each game



Eric Oravsky/ Montana Kaimin

Sophomore Dave Vanderjagt shoots over freshman Derek Selvig at their Tuesday afternoon practice. Tonight the Grizzlies will be playing against Northern Colorado University in Dahlberg Arena at 7 p.m.

is our last,” Martin said. “Every game is important. There are seven teams that are right there, and you never know who is going to make the top six. We have to bring it every night.”

Junior forward Kyle Sharp said the team is motivated to win and to carry that momentum into the

postseason.

“We are trying to come in here, build some confidence, and just be ready for them,” Sharp said. “The expectations are high; we want to go out and play well.”

Tinkle said it is crucial to close out the season and make the tournament after falling short of

expectations.

“We’ve set some goals, and we can still achieve them,” he said. “That is what is going to reveal their character, how we battle through this and finish.” Montana hosts Northern Colorado tonight in Dahlberg Arena. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

Lady Griz need one win to share BSC title

Roman Stubbs
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Lady Griz will continue their quest for another Big Sky regular season championship tonight on the road, where they will face off against Northern Colorado (6-6, 12-13) in Greeley, Colo.

Montana needs one win in the next three games to capture at least a share of their 21st league title in 30 years. Two wins in the next three games would not only give them the outright regular season title but would also land them home court advantage for the Big Sky Conference Tournament on March 13-15.

Although Montana’s

convincing win over Idaho State last Saturday night gave them a two-game cushion atop the conference standings, Robin Selvig is preparing his team to take the next step, starting tonight against a Northern Colorado squad hungry to qualify for its first-ever Big Sky Tournament. The Lady Bears gave Montana all they could handle in Missoula on Jan. 26, where the Lady Griz needed a late rally to escape with a narrow 63-59 win.

“We’ve really been focusing on playing better defense,” Selvig said. “They lit up from three last time we played them.”

Despite sitting in fifth place in the conference after going 2-5 in their last seven, Northern Colorado

has been one of the league’s surprises this season. Picked to finish last in the preseason poll, the Bears won four of their first five conference games, including upsets over Portland State and Montana State. The Lady Bears have a balanced nucleus of scorers, including Danielle Hagen, Jamie Schroeder, Kate Kevorken and Courtney Stoermer, all averaging above nine points a game. The four combined for 65 of the teams 71 points on Saturday night, when Northern Colorado shot 43 percent from the field to oust Eastern Washington on the road.

But the Lady Bears will see a Montana defense that has been particularly staunch as of late,

including a notable effort last Saturday in which they limited Idaho State’s Natalie Doma to 12 points and forced the Bengals to shoot a cold 33 percent in the second half.

“Montana has been playing really well,” said Northern Colorado head coach Jaime White, who was 5-24 a year ago in her first season with the school. “They are well rounded with an inside and outside presence, and they have a deeper bench than us. We have to play our best ball of the season.”

On the offensive end, Montana has also been balanced and explosive, averaging 78 points in four straight wins. Mandy Morales
See LADY GRIZ, page 11

New Maulers coach reflects on season

Amber Kuehn
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Missoula Maulers, the city's new junior hockey team, went 14-31 in the regular season to finish fourth in the America West division. Today the Maulers face Helena in the first round of playoff action.

Head coach and UM student Tim Swearingen talks about the Maulers' first season as a franchise, his hockey background, and Missoula's fan support.

Kuehn: How impressed have you been with the team in its first year as a franchise?

A: I have been very impressed with the Maulers organization as a whole. Hockey is a difficult sport to jump into, we have some funny rules, there are unwritten laws of the game, and there are some political facets which many people just don't understand which makes it a challenge for a new organization to get up and running. As for the players, most of our guys had no to little junior hockey experience to start the season. With that being said, we are a totally different team from the beginning of the season and we have developed into a respectable hockey team.

Kuehn: What led you to become coach of the Maulers?

A: I have deep roots to the game

of hockey. Hailing from Trenton, Michigan (suburb of Detroit), a town which eats, sleeps and breathes hockey, I basically was spoon fed it. I first moved to Montana right out of high school to play junior hockey in what was then the AWHL (America West Hockey League). After junior hockey I left Montana and went to play college hockey back in Michigan. When that was over I made the decision to return to Montana because I loved the outdoor opportunities and to pursue my Wildlife Biology degree at the University of Montana. Finally, my brother Brad started the season as the head coach and, after some personal issues and a fallout with upper management ... I was asked to take over midway through January.

Kuehn: What have you thought of the fan support from the Missoula community?

A: The fan support has been storybook-like. We have, without a doubt, the most loyal, caring and enthusiastic fans. There are a lot of Missoula people from the Midwest or back East which love hockey. The Missoula Maulers put on a good show, and the fans get their money's worth.

Kuehn: Which player has

impressed you the most this season?

A: I would have to say Tommy Lindholm, "The Sweden Assassin." Tommy brings a lot to the table, he is one of our best skaters, has a hard accurate shot, works hard, and wants to be on the ice all the time. On top of all that he always has a smile on his face and is a horse in the weight room.

Kuehn: How do you think the team will fare in the playoffs? A: The Helena Bighorns are a skilled team and that is who we drew first round of playoffs. They are the number one seed from our division and they bring a lot to the table: speed, depth and a strong record to prove it. We had a good game against them last Thursday; we need to walk into the rink with confidence that playoffs are a totally new season.

Kuehn: What's been the highlight of the season?

A: The highlight for me personally has been speaking to other coaches around the league and them passing on that they have been impressed with where our team has gone since I took the team over in January. I am also very proud that I have spoken with a couple of college scouts and coaches who are interested in some of our guys in the future.

Kuehn: What's your favorite thing about hockey?

A: Hockey is a thinking man's game; you need to read and react and play fast and yet also smart. In order to be successful you need to get 25 guys on the same page for 60 minutes.

Kuehn: Tonight you face Helena, a team Missoula hasn't beaten. What do the Maulers need to do to win this one?

A: We need to execute our system to a T, and we need to do the little things such as blocking shots, taking a check to make a play, limiting our turnovers, and we need strong goaltending to have a shot.

Kuehn: What are your plans for the next year?

A: Right now I can't rightly say ... I have spoke to management about possibly staying on with the team for another season, but I am also graduating this semester with my Wildlife Biology degree and hope to pursue a career in that discipline in the near future.

Kuehn: What's been the biggest difficulty this season?

A: I would have to say budgeting my time. I am an avid hunter and fisherman. I was taking 16 credits during the fall semester, all the while coaching a Junior A Hockey team!

Clemens quiet on Congress' request

Chris Duncan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) – Roger Clemens declined to say whether he was aware Congress had asked the Justice Department to investigate whether he lied in sworn testimony about steroid use.

A letter drafted by House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman Henry Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis was sent to Attorney General Michael Mukasey on Wednesday. They asked the Justice Department to look into Clemens' recent statements in a sworn deposition and at a public hearing that he "never used anabolic steroids or human growth hormone."

Clemens was working with minor leaguers at the Houston Astros' spring training camp when the congressional request became official.

When he was finished, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner emerged from an indoor batting cage to a large group of autograph-seekers, reporters and photographers. He was asked several times if he was aware of the request and never answered.

"Guys, the big team is up that way," Clemens said, referring to the Astros, whose spring training clubhouse is about 200 yards from the minor league complex.

Later in the afternoon, a clubhouse assistant backed Clemens' black Hummer up to a service entrance to the building, which helped the pitcher keep away from about two dozen reporters and photographers who tracked him all day.

Clemens came out just after 2 p.m. and as he was asked about the congressional request one more time, he responded, "See y'all tomorrow," hopped into the Hummer and drove away.

The congressmen wrote in a letter that Clemens' testimony directly contradicted that of Brian McNamee, his former personal trainer, who said he injected Clemens with anabolic steroids and human growth hormone.

"Mr. Clemens's testimony is also contradicted by the sworn deposition testimony and affidavit submitted to the committee by Andrew Pettitte, a former teammate of Mr. Clemens, whose testimony and affidavit reported that Mr. Clemens had admitted to him in 1999 or 2000 that he had taken human growth hormone," the letter said.

Clemens arrived at the Astros' minor league clubhouse just before 11 a.m. Wednesday. The minor leaguers, including Clemens' oldest son, Koby, opened a minicamp on Monday and Clemens has permission from the team to participate.

Wearing a white baseball cap, a long-sleeved black shirt and blue jeans, Clemens walked toward the horde as the Astros' major leaguers were practicing on an adjacent field.

"Wow, you guys need to get a life," Clemens said, shaking his head. "There's a big league team to the left, I think."

Iverson, Nuggets play record-setting game

Tim Booth
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE (AP) – Midway through the fourth quarter Allen Iverson unlaced his white and light blue sneakers and found a child in the stands to send home with a little gift.

Wednesday night was that easy, and record-setting, for Iverson and the Denver Nuggets.

Iverson scored 31 points, and the Nuggets were nearly flawless, scoring the most points in the NBA this season in a 138-96 rout of the Seattle SuperSonics.

"It was fun to watch," Denver coach George Karl said. "It was fun to see everyone play well."

Denver easily snapped its three-game losing streak, with a large amount of its points coming on uncontested dunks and layups. Toss in 9-for-17 shooting on 3-pointers with all those easy baskets at the rim, and the Nuggets set a


franchise record by shooting 67.0 percent.

The previous franchise mark was set 30 years ago, when the Nuggets shot 66.7 percent against New Jersey early in the 1978 season. Denver also bettered the 66.2 percent shooting of the Lakers earlier this season, the previous best in the league.

The highest scoring game before Wednesday night came against Denver, when the Suns scored 137.

"I've been in the league 12 years and I've been playing a long time. I don't know if we've been this hot before, but it was pretty special," Iverson said. "It was fun."

Playing a tired Seattle team certainly helped the Nuggets. The Sonics were finishing off a back-to-back, having played at Golden State a night earlier and offered little resistance at the defensive end.



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Senior guard Laura Cote weaves around her teammates to score a basket Tuesday morning at the Lady Griz practice. The team is preparing for their game against Northern Colorado University on Thursday in Greeley.

LADY GRIZ

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scored 18 points against Idaho State, and the Lady Griz shot 50 percent from the field.

"We're playing good basketball," Selvig said. "We've been really balanced offensively."

Selvig also confirmed that his team's health is solid despite scares the past two games. Tam Guardipee left early in the second half and never returned Thursday night against Weber State but did play 10 minutes on Saturday night against Idaho State, where she contributed four points and three rebounds. Morales, who has been dealing with a foot injury since

November, also came up hobbling in the second half against Idaho State but returned several minutes later.

"Our health is actually pretty good. Nobody is out," said Selvig, who also noted the team has been dealing with the flu bug.

Tip off tonight is at 7:05 at the Butler Hancock Pavilion. This is the only matchup this week for Montana, who will round out its regular season next weekend with pivotal road games at Eastern Washington and Portland State.

"We're well aware of how tough our next three opponents are going to be," said Selvig. "The Idaho State win just put us in position, so, we're looking at every game now as a championship game."

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Cardinals release Spiezio after police issue an arrest warrant

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Utilityman Scott Spiezio was cut by the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, released after being charged in a six-count complaint involving drunken driving and assault in a December car crash.

"We had heard some things about this," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said. "Ultimately nothing was ever confirmed to the level it was today. To have this warrant put out there, it completely changes the landscape of what we're dealing with."

A warrant was issued Tuesday for Spiezio, who missed more than a month last year while getting treatment for substance abuse. The warrant was recalled Wednesday after Spiezio's attorney appeared in court, and the arraignment was continued to March 26.

The Orange County district attorney charged Spiezio with misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more, hit and run, aggravated assault, assault and battery.

"We anticipate a successful resolution to this misdemeanor matter," attorney Paul Meyer said.

The 35-year-old Spiezio did not play in Wednesday's exhibition game against St. Louis University at Jupiter, Fla.

"Scott and I will have a statement at a later date," Spiezio's agent, Barry Meister, said in a telephone

interview with The Associated Press.

"Scott is clean and sober, and has been for a significant period of time, and is fully prepared to continue his career. He has had no problems at Cardinals' camp, is in great shape and was and is looking to have a great 2008 season," he said.

Police said the accident occurred Dec. 30. The maximum penalty is two years in state prison.

"We've never been able to talk to him," Irvine police Lt. Rick Handfield said. "The detective has expressed an interest in having Mr. Spiezio come to California."

Spiezio won World Series championships with Anaheim in 2002 and St. Louis in 2006. He has cultivated a hard-rocking image during his 12 seasons in the majors and plays in the heavy metal band SandFrog.

He batted .272 in 119 games with 13 homers and 52 RBIs in 2006. Last year, he appeared in only 82 games because of injuries, illness and treatment, managing only four homers, 31 RBIs and a .269 average.

Spiezio was entering the final season of a two-year, \$4.5 million contract. He was released the same way most players are cut, for failure "to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability."

That means the Cardinals owe him this year's \$2.3 million salary plus a \$100,000 buyout of a \$2.5 million team option for 2009 — because of

that, the likelihood of a grievance by the players' union is small.

Asked about Spiezio's release, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "'I think it's a consistent message about what the team represents."

"It wasn't like he escaped last year without catching some heat and the organization acting to try to get him right," he said.

When the Cardinals activated him from the restricted list last September, Spiezio said, "I was out of control for a while. I learned a lot and I'm ready to start contributing in a good way now."

At the time, Spiezio said he'd been struggling with substance abuse for six or seven months, although he wouldn't disclose the substance, saying "I'll save that for the book."

Spiezio is best remembered in Anaheim for a three-run homer in Game 6 against the San Francisco Giants that helped the Angels rally from the largest deficit ever in a potential Series-deciding game.

Spiezio played in Seattle for two seasons before joining the Cardinals in 2006 and helping them win the World Series that year.

Irvine police responded to a report of a single-car crash at 12:20 a.m. on Dec. 30.

Officers found a 2004 BMW registered to Spiezio had crashed into a curb and fence. The driver was seen running from the crash site, Handfield said.

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Sen. Obama fights false links to Islam

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WASHINGTON – For Barack Obama, it is an ember that he has doused time and again, only to see it flicker anew: links to Islam fanned by false rumors, innuendo and association.

Obama and his campaign reacted strongly this week when a photo of him in Kenyan tribal garb began spreading on the Internet. And the praise he received Sunday from Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan prompted pointed questions – during Tuesday night’s presidential debate and also in a private meeting over the weekend with Jewish leaders in Cleveland.

During the debate, Obama repeated his denunciation of Farrakhan’s views, which have included numerous anti-Semitic comments. And, after being pressed, he rejected Farrakhan’s support in the presidential race.

The Democratic candidate says repeatedly that he’s a Christian who took the oath of office on a family Bible. Yet on the Internet and on talk radio – and in a campaign introduction for John McCain this week – he is often depicted, falsely, as a Muslim with shadowy ties and his middle name, Hussein, is emphasized as a reminder of Iraq’s former leader.

“If anyone is still puzzled about the facts, in fact I have never been a Muslim,” he told the Jewish leaders in Cleveland, according to a transcript of the private session.

The photo of Obama wearing Kenyan tribal raiments – taken by an Associated Press photographer during his visit in 2006 to the country where his father was born – resurfaced on the Internet amid unsubstantiated claims that it was being circulated by members of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s campaign. Clinton and her aides said they had nothing to do with it. The Obama campaign accused them of “shameful, offensive fear-mongering.”

On Tuesday Republican candidate McCain denounced the introduction he got in Cincinnati that criticized Obama in vivid terms. Talk show host Bill Cunningham referred to Obama three times as “Barack Hussein Obama” and

called him a “hack, Chicago-style” politician during the introduction of McCain.

The Obama campaign is closely attuned to the rumors and insinuations. Information on Obama’s Christian faith is prominently available on the “Know the facts” page of his Web site. The campaign has distributed flyers to churches in states with presidential contests. And it encourages supporters to flag any attack that may make its way into cyberspace.

“Our campaign is vigilant in quickly responding to any information about Senator Obama that surfaces, be it on the Internet, in the media or from our opponents,” spokesman Bill Burton said Wednesday.

If there is confusion – and opportunity for political mischief – it derives at least in part from Obama’s rich cultural background. His mother was a white woman from Kansas, his father was Kenyan and he spent part of his childhood in Indonesia, a largely Muslim country.

Obama has become careful in denouncing the links, lately noting that some rumors about him also have been insulting to Muslims. Jim Zogby, founder and president of the Arab American Institute, said many Arab Americans are drawn to Obama because of his cultural background.

Obama, though in the presidential limelight now for more than a year, is still introducing himself to voters. An AP-Yahoo poll in

January asked people to volunteer the first few words that came to mind about each of the candidates, and 4 percent of the respondents, unprompted, mentioned the word Muslim when describing Obama.

Some of the rumors and allegations about Obama are clearly not true, yet still spread, often anonymously.

A debunked chain e-mail circulating widely on the Internet suggests he is hiding his Islamic roots. It says he was sworn into the Senate on the Quran and turns his back on the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance.

He took his Senate oath with his hand on a family Bible, and he says, “Whenever I’m in the United States Senate, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.” In fact, no candidate could survive if he publicly spurned the pledge.

Another false report says he attended a Muslim madrasa school as a child in Jakarta. Obama was born in Hawaii and moved to Indonesia when he was 6 to live with his mother and stepfather. He returned to Hawaii when he was 10 to live with his maternal grandparents. Interviews last year by The Associated Press at the elementary school in Jakarta found that it is a public and secular institution and has been open to students of all faiths since before Obama attended in the late 1960s. Said vice principal Akmad Solichin: “Yes, most of our students are Muslim, but there are Christians as well. Everyone’s

welcome here.”

Obama also has faced questions about his pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where he has been a member for 20 years. Trinity calls itself “Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian.” But it accepts non-black congregants. The United Church of Christ’s president and general minister, the Rev. John H. Thomas, was quoted in a church publication as pointing out that the Rev. Jane FISLER-HOFFMAN, Illinois Conference Minister, who is white, “has been a member of the congregation for years.”

DOCUMENTARY

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country will be presented at the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts in Las Vegas in April.

Because of prior commitments Morss will most likely not be able to make it to the festival.

“It’s always nice to be recognized,” Morss said. “It is an honor.”

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